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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This is being submitting in response to the final Office Action mailed October 25, 2007 and to the Advisory Action mailed March 6, 2008. It is also a follow-up to the Notice of Appeal submitted April 24, 2008 and to the April 29, 2008 telephone

discussion between the Examiner and the undersigned. This communication serves as the substantive response required in connection with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) being submitted concurrently herewith. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks following.